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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated April 19, 2007. The period for response is extended two months, from July 19, 2007, to September 19, 2007, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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